

## Campus Safety: A message regarding COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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Dear Campus Community,

SCU has set up an exclusive web page to help communicate facts and resources concerning COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). The page is located [HERE](#), under the "Campus Safety" department page on MySCU.

Additionally, SCU has assembled a multidisciplinary team to monitor the situation and identify plans for potential impact (if any).

Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Melissa Nagare, has communicated the L.A. County Department of Public Health recommendations for healthcare providers and facilities to SCU Health System providers and staff. Click [HERE](#) for that information.

**As of March 3rd, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at SCU.** To date there is one confirmed case in LA County and one in Orange County. **In order to limit the spread of respiratory viruses and maintain good health generally, please follow the advice below:**

- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water (washing for at least 20 seconds) or alcohol-based sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol). Hand washing is crucial, particularly before eating or any activity that involves touching your face.
- Cough into your sleeve (the crook of your elbow) or a tissue, not into your hands. Dispose of the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home when you are sick; if you have had a fever, do not return until you are fever-free for 24 hours without any medication. *See additional information about absence due to illness below.*
- Limit close contact with those who are sick.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces often.
- Make time for health-promoting activities, such as getting adequate rest (even during midterms and finals!), exercise/movement, mindfulness/joyful practices, and good nutrition. You also have acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine, Ayurveda, chiropractic, and massage therapy services available to help you feel your best.

- Public health authorities also recommend getting the flu shot.
- Last, wearing face masks as routine practice by healthy people is NOT recommended.

**Student and employee absence due to illness:**

Public health authorities are encouraging all employees and students to stay home when sick.

**Students** who are sick should stay home - and should follow the normal absence procedure for their respective programs regarding notification of faculty and requests for absence waivers and exam “make ups.” *However, during this time of heightened public health concern, documentation from a health care provider will not be required.* While there is no current threat to SCU, the situation is evolving, and **faculty** who believe they note an unusual pattern of student absence in their courses should notify their Dean or Director.

**Employees** who are sick should stay home – and should follow the normal notification process for their work area. **Employees** should discuss in advance with their supervisors if any elements of their work can be performed remotely. **Faculty** and their supervisors will be planning alternatives to offer courses should lead faculty be out sick or should other circumstances impact course delivery.

**Emergency notification:**

Additionally, we would like to remind you to update your Emergency Notification Profile, known to SCU as “Everbridge.”

While there is no current crisis concerning the spread of COVID-19 in our community, the situation is evolving rapidly and the ability to quickly communicate with our campus members is paramount.

Every campus community member currently has their scuhs.edu email address already registered by default; however, **it is highly recommended** to include additional methods of contact such as a cell phone number for both calls and SMS text.

**What to do:**

- Login to MySCU
- Click “Personal Info” [top right of page]
- Click “Manage your emergency notification settings (Everbridge)”
- Click “Edit” to input additional contact methods

Click "Save"

**Important:**

This reminder is being issued as a part of our continued efforts to improve our emergency preparedness, and not as a response to a threat or event. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 Situation Summary as of 02/29 can be found [HERE](#) and notes that "[t]he virus is NOT currently spreading widely in the United States." This CDC COVID-19 Situation Summary also includes important information about travel restrictions.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please visit the SCU COVID-19 page [HERE](#) and feel free to email us at [campussafety@scuhs.edu](mailto:campussafety@scuhs.edu)

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